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SUBJECT: REPORTED REMOVAL OF LOPEZ

1. RIIARDO ZUNIGA CALLED ON POLOFF AT 10:00 P.M. APRIL 21 TO INFORM HIM THAT LT. COLONELS' GROUP HAS DECIDED TO REMOVE GENERAL LOPEZ AS CHIEF OF STATE AND REPLACE HIM WITH COLONEL JUAN ALBERTO MELGAR, PRESENT CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. ACCORDING TO ZUNIGA, COLONEL POLICARPO PAZ WILL REPLACE MELGAR AS CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.

2. ZUNIGA STATED THAT CHANGE ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR APRIL 24. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THEN.

3. HE SAID THAT IT WAS A PURELY INTERNAL DECISION BY THE NEW MILITARY LEADERSHIP. ZUNIGA COMMENTED THAT THEY APPARENTLY HAD NO ELECTIONS IN MIND, AND LAMENTED THE FACT THAT THEY SEEMED TO HAVE LITTLE IDEA ABOUT WHAT POLICIES THEY WILL FOLLOW.
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